

PICKENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

March 11, 2019

Chairman Cagle called the Pickens County Planning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE

Members of the Pickens County Planning Commission in attendance were:

Bill Cagle
Jim Fowler
Pat Holmes
Clayton Preble
Harold Hensley
Maurice Hendrix
Lee Thrasher

County Staff in attendance:

Rodney Buckingham – Interim Planning & Development Director
Marcia Garrett-Secretary
Stacey Godfrey
Phil Landrum – County Attorney

Others in attendance:

Dan Pool – Progress
Mari Livsey - KnowPickens.com
Ethan Calhoun-NGRC

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Pat Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Maurice Hendrix, to adopt the minutes of the February 11, 2019, meeting as written. Members voted unanimously 6 (yes) to 0 (no) to approve the minutes as written.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Commissioner Clayton Preble made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pat Holmes, to nominate Bill Cagle and Pat Holmes who have done such an outstanding job this past year and nominate each to serve in their respective roles for another term. With no discussion, Commissioner Clayton Preble made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Hensley, to close the nominations. The Planning Commission voted 5 (yes) (Clayton Preble, Lee Thrasher, Jim Fowler, Harold Hensley and Maurice Hendrix) to 0 (no) to approve the nominations that Bill Cagle and Pat Holmes serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Clayton Preble made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lee Thrasher, to nominate Marcia Garrett to continue as Secretary. With no discussion, Commissioner Clayton Preble made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Hensley, to close the nominations. The Planning Commission voted 6 (yes) (Clayton Preble, Pat Holmes, Lee Thrasher, Jim Fowler, Harold Hensley and Maurice Hendrix) to 0 (no) to approve the nomination of Marcia Garrett to continuing serving as secretary.

B. Planning Commission Meeting Monday, November 4th or 18th

Due to the regular meeting day of November 11th being Veterans Day, Rodney Buckingham presented two alternative dates for the Planning Commission to choose which would be the best for them to meet. After discussion, November 4th was chosen with unanimous approval.

C. Review of County Ordinances.

Rodney Buckingham informed the Planning Commission that some of the ordinances need to be tweaked a little. He introduced Ethan Calhoun, of the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission, who will assist in this process. Some of the topics suggested to be discussed were: Event Centers, Recreational Vehicles, Brewery/Distillery/Winery, Brewpub, Micro-Brewery, Micro-Winery/Distillery, and Agritourism. Mr. Calhoun explained that he would look at surrounding counties for like ordinances and work with Mr. Buckingham to come up with one that is tried and true to bring before the Planning Commission to submit to the Board of Commissioners. Some of the topics specifically brought up in discussion was Event Centers, Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds, and Tiny Homes. The Planning Commission choose Event Centers and Recreational Vehicles for a start. Commissioner Clayton Preble stated the Planning Commission has wanted a template for event centers to go by for a long time. Mr. Calhoun stated it would take approximately 2 months to prepare and would like to focus on one item at a time. The Planning Commission unanimously agreed to start with the event centers.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Clayton Preble stated he would like to thank Marcia Garrett for the work that was done on the minutes of the last meeting.

Commissioner Harold Hensley asked if there was anything that could be done about the schools. He stated from a recent experience in a restaurant when he was paying for the meal that the cashier had problems making change when he gave the cashier \$20.21 for the meal totaling \$18.21.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Lee Thrasher, seconded by Commissioner Harold Hensley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Unanimous approval 6 (yes) to 0 (no).